

# Come Big Obstacle in Way of U. S. Capturing Tennis Trophy—Marathon Race To-day

## Americans Must Bolster Doubles for Cup Matches

Champion Johnston and Tilden Only Combination Capable of Taking Measure of World's Greatest Teams in the Davis Tennis Competition

By Fred Hawthorne

In a country that, admittedly, has produced some of the greatest lawn tennis players in the world, why cannot America develop a doubles team that will beat any combination that can be brought to bear against it? Why, indeed!

We all remember what Norman Brookes has said in praise of William M. Johnston and William T. Tilden 2d as a potential doubles team. The Australian and his partner, Gerald Patterson, were defeated by the national champion and the runner-up at Forest Hills last September, in the international matches, following the national singles championship tournament.

That match marked the first time that the little Californian and the tall Philadelphian had ever appeared on a court as a doubles team, and although Brookes and Patterson were won to the breaking point by a campaign of attrition and a journey more than half around the world, not to mention the ardors of several years of the world tour, they could be pitted against the Americans, literally a scrub team. Recently, in Australia, Brookes declared that Johnston and Tilden formed the greatest doubles team in the world, and added that, with sufficient practice together in the doubles, they should develop into the greatest pair this country had ever produced. High praise, this, from the master.

**Doubtful of Doubles**

The one doubtful shadow that falls across the path of our next Davis Cup team, when it comes time to battle with the Australians in the quarter-finals next December at Sydney, is cast by the doubles team of Brookes and Patterson, or Patterson and O'Hara Wood, or Wood and Ronald Thomas. As our mainstays in the singles, I believe we may be fairly certain of obtaining at least an even break in these four matches, but that would not be good enough if we could not do better in the doubles than we have done in the last decade against Australia. The doubles have been our stumbling block in many Davis Cup matches, and this will continue to be true unless we devote more time and serious attention to the matter.

All our enthusiasm, all our determination, have come into the singles game. The doubles tournament, even the one that carries the national championship, has been relegated to a secondary position, and the reason is not far to seek.

McLaughlin and Tom Bundy and Johnston and Griffin, teams which have led the national doubles title between them for several years, and which have now secured the Davis Cup championship, appear to be the last pairs that have played together consistently, season after season. Since then we have not had any doubles teams that were up to the standard.

**Potential Teams Severed**

Tilden and Vincent Richards, champions of 1918, who were defeated in the national championship by Brookes and Patterson last August at Longwood, might have been developed into one of the great teams of recent years, but something happened to disrupt their team work last season and they were never able to get the best results thereafter. Tilden, indeed, had great success with Charles S. Garland as his partner, and here was another potentially wonderful team, but they did not go through a season of play together, and so we have not seen them really put to the test.

Then came Johnston and Tilden. In the lone match with Brookes and Patterson, they flashed enough real tennis on that occasion to justify the most glowing predictions as to their team possibilities. But, just when the ideal combination seemed to have been found, a formidable obstacle cropped up. Johnston lives on the Pacific Coast, Tilden on the Atlantic seaboard.

Under ordinary conditions this plainly makes it impossible for the national champion and the runner-up to get together and practice as a doubles team, except for the few short weeks when Johnston would be here in the East on his annual campaign for the national title. That is not sufficient time to develop the smoothness of team work that is an essential success in the international matches.

I believe that with some two months' practice in the doubles Johnston and Tilden would come pretty close to fulfilling Brookes' prophecy, and this in spite of the fact that both men are prone to play their own game. Probably there is no player in the country so strongly "individual" as Tilden. The Philadelphian has even been a poacher in doubles. He is such a tremendous cover of court, so lightning quick of foot and on the volley and smash, that it seems a sheer impossibility for him not to stray from his own territory when the pace grows hot.

But, mirabile dictu, Tilden overcame this tendency when he and Johnston faced Brookes and Patterson, and what a veritable engine of destruction they made—Johnston's terrific forehand drives and his deadly overhead volleys and Tilden's magnificent smashing and uncanny volleys and half-volleys backed up by the swiftest service in the country to-day. Is it any wonder that the weary Australians fell before the onslaught?

The need for a great doubles team to represent the United States this year in the Davis Cup matches is urgent. We should be willing to make almost any sacrifice, go to any trouble, to obtain that end. Because of this it seems to me that the United States Lawn Tennis Association ought to make an extreme effort to develop such a team the coming season.

Provided Johnston could so arrange his business affairs next summer, and Tilden his, why would it not be possible, and entirely according to the "code" for the National Association to pay Johnston's traveling expenses while here in the East and Tilden's as well, and have the national champion come East about the first of July and remain here until late September?

This would afford the Californian and the Philadelphian a splendid opportunity to campaign throughout the season of the country and smooth out the rough spots in their team work. Then, in truth, could we look forward with all confidence to the next Davis Cup matches.

## Frank Gillespie Favored to Win Long Road Race

Wiberg, Balliet, Moss, Lynch and Speis Also Rank Well; Events in Armory

By A. C. Cavagnaro

A severe test of stamina and endurance faces the Thirty-six athletes who are scheduled to compete in the 25-mile marathon run of the Fifth Company of the 13th Coast Defense Command, which is to be held over a new course through the downtown section of Brooklyn this afternoon. The committee made a final inspection of the trail yesterday, and reported that in spite of the snow of last Saturday the roads were in fairly good condition.

While the entry is not quite so large as prior to 1918, when the event was abandoned on account of the war, the race to-day has a national aspect, as half a dozen entrants come from the South, the "old boys" who are past and victorious veterans of the past who will pit their experience against their youthful rivals. In addition to the historic "Victory" statue prize the winners will merit serious consideration by the American Olympic committee in choosing Uncle Sam's representatives in this event for the games at Antwerp.

The poor condition of the roads along the Ocean Boulevard necessitated a change from the old Brooklyn-Sea Gate course, but the new trail will permit a large number of residents of the borough to witness the race. The men will run over a course of approximately eleven miles, which carries them around Prospect Park and down to the Borough Hall. This trail will be covered twice, the final mile and a half being run inside of the armory. This stretch of running indoors is expected to prove the crucial period of the race.

The most dangerous of the younger runners entered are Frank Gillespie, Illinois A. C., who is considered by many as a certain winner; John Wiberg, unattached, who is in splendid condition; O. E. Balliet, of the Allentown (Pa.) Y. M. C. A.; George Moss, unattached; M. J. Lynch, "Cross-Country Club" of Baltimore, and Harry Speis, Morningside A. C.

The marathon runners will be sent on their way at 2 o'clock, and while they are traversing the streets of the borough a varied program of events will be decided inside of the armory. Two Metropolitan Association championships will feature the card, one being the 800-yard run, with Jack Sellers, New York A. C., the present champion, out to retain his honors, and the other the potato race. Other events scheduled are four relay races and a twenty-five mile scratch two-man team bicycle race, with eleven teams named to face the starter.

The local entrants in the junior national championships at Buffalo last Saturday evening fared rather well against the strong opposition from the other sections of the country. Three championship records were broken—Lenny Lever, Pennsylvania, three times ran the 60 yards in 6.5 seconds; Everett Smalley, also of Penn., ran a heat in the 70-yard high hurdles in 9.1-5 seconds, and Harry Helme, Lafayette High School, Buffalo, ran the two miles in 9:35.2-5. In the latter event Andy Crow, Brooklyn A. C., was second.

The "Met" boys won three individual titles. Dan Caprio, Knights of St. Anthony, captured the 300-yard event in 32.4-5 seconds; Jack Lichtman, Clark House, won the 16-pound shot put with 40 feet 6 1/2 inches; and E. Bauer, Bronx Church House, jumped 10 feet 1 1/2 inches in the standing broad jump.

Three additional athletes, Harry Wigger, William Stokely and Al Hulsebosch, have entered the one-mile senior Metropolitan Association championship run, which is one of the features of the games of the New York Postoffice Clerks' Association at the 69th Regiment Armory on the evening of March 6.

**Londos to Meet "Strangler"**

Jim Londos, the Greek wrestling champion, and "Strangler" Lewis were matched yesterday to meet in a finish match at Madison Square Garden on March 2, a week from to-morrow. The two grapplers were brought together by promoter Jack Curley after Londos and Billy Sandow, the manager of Lewis, wound up a heated discussion over the ability of the "Strangler" and Londos.

## Thirty-six Named To Start in Run Through Brooklyn

E. Sandberg Morningside A. C.  
Harry Parkinson, Morningside A. C.  
Edwin H. White, Holy Cross Lyceum.  
Frank Zuna, unattached.  
Frank Gillespie, Illinois Athletic Club.  
George Kirkwood, Paulist A. C.  
Russell Jekel, Brooklyn A. A.  
Eric Johnson, Swedish American A. C.  
Otto J. Laasak, Todd A. A.  
Hugo Kuppinen, unattached.  
Jack Silverdahl, Glencoe A. C.  
Michael J. Dwyer, Mohawk A. C.  
George B. Moss, unattached.  
Bert Moore, Brooklyn A. A.  
Al Sands, Morningside A. C.  
Frank Case, unattached.  
James Brooks, Mohawk A. C.  
Samuel D. Richman, Glencoe A. C.  
Oscar E. Balliet, Allentown (Pa.) Y. M. C. A.  
Sam Johnson, Morningside A. C.  
W. A. Richards, Morningside A. C.  
John P. Knox, Morningside A. C.  
Robert Helbing, Morningside A. C.  
Harry C. Speis, Morningside A. C.  
Charles Sherman, Morningside A. C.  
William Boak, Mohawk A. C.  
Jacob Winnick, Kings County A. C.  
Villar Kyronen, Millrose A. A.  
James Montague, Washington, D. C.  
Walter von Barga, unattached.  
Nick Gnanakopoulos, unattached.  
George Daly, unattached.  
M. J. Lynch, Washington, D. C.  
Hugh Carroll, Brooklyn A. A.  
John Wiberg, unattached.

**Stoneham Colors in Front in George Washington Handicap; Mess Kit Victor**

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 22.—Bally again showed his "class" here to-day. Racing in the colors of Charles A. Stoneham and performing at his best he led his field home in the George Washington Handicap, one mile, the feature of the card at the Oriental Park course this afternoon.

The son of Ballot was the choice of the large field and it was only due to his good courage that he was up in the last jump to win the event. McCann was not very alert at the post with the favorite and when the barrier went up he was slow to get in motion, with the result that the Stoneham entry was forced to take the overland route all the way.

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Alford saved the place by a length, with Poacher third. The race carried a net value of \$775 to the winner.

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**Kilbane to Risk Title Held Eight Years**

When Johnny Kilbane squares off against Benny Valzer in their bout at the Newark Sportsman's Club next Wednesday night, boxing fans who gather at the battleground will look upon the oldest champion in the ring to-day—the oldest in point of titular service.

It was just eight years ago to-day that the Cleveland won the featherweight championship, when he outpointed that past master in ringcraft, Abe Attell, in a twenty-round fight at Vernon, Calif. Kilbane has dominated his division for a longer period of time than the majority of Queensberry title holders are permitted to rule.

**N. Y. A. C. Counts on Dresser**

John C. Dresser, of Cornell University, two-mile college champion and record holder, announced to the athletic committee of the New York Athletic Club yesterday that he would be ready to represent the local club in open competition this summer. Dresser does not intend to do any indoor running, but expects to begin his outdoor campaign as early as possible.

**New Orleans Entries**

First race (purses \$600; claiming; two-year-olds; three and a half furlongs)—Upward, claiming; five and one-half furlongs—Timothy J. Hogan, 103 (L.A. Kinross), 6 to 1, 5 to 2 and 6 to 5, won; Lenora P., 88 (P. Hunt), 7 to 1, 5 to 1 and 6 to 1, second; Miss Le Rue M., 91 (D. Kelly), 6 to 1, 5 to 2 and 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:08.4-5. He's a Bear, Baby Bonda, Galaway, May Maubusy, Burlington, Jack Dawson, Old Eviere and Sentry also ran.

Second race (purses \$600; three-year-olds and upward; claiming; five and one-half furlongs)—Trophy, 109 (Carmody), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and 3 to 1, won; Elga, 106 (Murray), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Phaedon, 108 (Kedert), 7 to 5, 1 to 2 and 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:13.2-5. Premium, Little Crown, Polar Cub, Little Nephew and Koran also ran.

Third race (purses \$600; claiming; four-year-olds and upward; mile and one-half furlongs)—Solid Rock, 110 (Mangan), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and 3 to 1, won; Assumption, 105 (Carmody), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and 3 to 1, second; Chillum, 104 (Carmody), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:47.4-5. Little Nearer, O'Malley, Dick Benson and Little Ed also ran.

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Fifth race (purses \$600; three-year-olds and upward; claiming; six furlongs)—Mess Kit, 106 (Murray), 12 to 1, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; Alford, 110 (Tyron), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Poacher, 108 (Finley), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:13.2-5. Premium, Little Crown, Polar Cub, Little Nephew and Koran also ran.

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**Brooklyn Wins at Chess**

Thanks to decisive defeat of Marshall's Chess Club by 7 to 1 in the fourth round of the Metropolitan Chess League's annual championship series of inter-club team matches, the Brooklyn Chess Club strengthened its hold upon first place, although still tied in matches won and lost with the champion team of the L. L. Rice Progressive Chess Club, which won from the N. Y. A. C. by 6 1/2 to 1 1/2.

**New Rochelle Wins on Ice**

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—The New Rochelle Hockey Club beat the Albany Field Hockey Club in a fast and rough game here to-day. Goals were scored by the following New Rochelle players: Ted Smith, Wellington and Allen Smith (2). Wheeler scored the lone goal for the Albany Club.

## Suggest Converting Local Links Into Grounds for Winter Sports

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By Ray McCarthy

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